

Applicants are in receipt of a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due mailed December 1, 1999, in which all pending claims have been allowed.

The specification and abstract of the disclosure have been amended herein as to matters of form, including English spelling, grammar, idiom, syntax and the like. By separate paper, Applicants also request permission to amend Fig. 1B in a formal manner. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by these amendments.

Applicants believe the present application remains in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the above amendments and passage to issue of the present application at the Examiner's earliest convenience earnestly are solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at 212-218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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